**MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN** (*Nominated*): ട്രാഫിക് വകുപ്പിൽ ഹെഡ് കാൻസ്റ്റബിൾമാരെ തിരിഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിന് പ്രത്യേകം വല്ല നയവും സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

**MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR** (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): പ്രത്യേകമായ നയംസ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

*Malayalam as medium of instruction in English Schools.*

91. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how far the Education Department has tried to make Malayalam the medium of instruction in the English Schools in the State ;

(*b*) whether the Head Masters of departmental English Schools have been consulted in the matter ; and

(*c*) if so, their opinion regarding that ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) Malayalam and Tamil have been made the media of instruction in all English Schools in the State up to IV Form. The question of extending this to the High School classes is under consideration.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is a considerable difference of opinion among them.

**MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether all the Head Masters of English Schools, whether departmental or otherwise, were consulted with regard to this ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I think so.

**MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the number of Head Masters who held this view ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : There were different sections of opinion among the Head Masters. What I might call the die-hard section was absolutely against the proposal ; there were a few Head Masters who were willing to adopt the reform by stages : and there were those who were in favour of the introduction of the reform immediately.

**MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the member whether the Head Masters who held the view that the reform is not practicable at present are conversant in Malayalam ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Some are, while others are not.

**RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR** (*Nominated*): May I know under whose instruction this question is considered ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Under the consideration of the Director of Public Instruction and the Government.

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**RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR** (*Nominated*) : Has the Director submitted any report to Government on this subject ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Not yet.

**RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR** (*Nominated*) : May I know how long it has been under the consideration of the Director of Public Instruction ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It has been under the consideration of Directors and University bodies for many years in all parts of India.

**RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR** (*Nominated*) : I wish to know for how many years this has been under consideration of the Director of Public Instruction of Travancore.

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : For about 3 years.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the member whether the opinions of the Head Masters were called for individually or whether there was a conference for that purpose ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The Division Inspectors were requested to consult the Head Masters and forward their reports. Some Division Inspectors consulted every Head Master, while others consulted a good number of them.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : May I know whether the Advisory Board was consulted ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : May I know the decision arrived at ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : They were in favour of the introduction of the vernacular as medium of instruction on an optional basis at first and gradually making that reform compulsory.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : Is the objection based on the incapacity of the teachers to teach the subjects in Malayalam ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : On various grounds. One of the grounds was the absence of suitable text books. Another was that the teachers are not ready to take up and work the reform immediately.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : Have the Government considered the feasibility of getting the necessary text books in Malayalam prepared ?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : As I said, the whole question is under consideration. I am in correspondence, for instance, with the Malabar Schools, where Malayalam is used as the medium of instruction.

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MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I know, when this proposal is accepted, how these schools are to be called, whether English Schools or Malayalam Schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Is it not a hypothetical question, Sir ?

PRESIDENT ; Yes.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Are there Head Masters who do not know Malayalam ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : But they know Tamil, the question of the medium of instruction is not confined to Malayalam alone.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla III*) ; My question is whether there are any Head Masters who do not know Malayalam.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : There may be.

*Advisory Council for the Sanskrit College.*

92. *MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuha I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the recommendations of the Advisory Council for the Sanskrit College in regard to the medical inspection of the students, the need for supplementing the library, and provision for play-grounds, facilities for school-gardening and additional equipments, have been brought to the notice of Government by the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the aforesaid requirements ; and

(*c*) if the Director has kept back the recommendations, what his reasons are to remain incommunicative ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Definite proposals on each of the recommendations were called for and they have not been received.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know from the member whether the minutes of the Advisory Council for the Sanskrit College are not submitted to the Director of Public Instruction duly ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Have not repeated demands been made in such minutes as to the requirements mentioned in the question ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Has any action been taken by the Director on such recommendations contained in the minutes ?

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